

The Honorable the Board of Supervisors—Gentlemen: The most marked advance made in the conduct of the medical side of the City and County Hospital under the past administration, that is, under the so-called Schmitz Board of Health, has occurred in the conduct of the contagious pavilion. As is usual, this is essentially the work of one man, Dr. R. Langley Porter. Dr. Porter is also physician to the smallpox and leper hospitals. Under his skilled direction a previously appalling mortality has been reduced to within the limits recorded by any of our Western hospitals. How much more it might be reduced were Dr. Porter and his assistants given proper facilities is a matter for interesting surmise. Of the difficulties under which they now labor I can give you no better idea than by appending Dr. Porter's last report of the needs of his department.

In this relation it occurs to me to remind you that Mr. Hearst of the Examiner is holding a sum of, I think, \$80,000.00, collected by him for the people of San Francisco, for the purpose of building a children's hospital. Nine-tenths of all infectious exanthemata occur, I believe, in children. Here is his chance.

Respectfully,
JAS. T. WATKINS,
Health Officer.

San Francisco, Cal., July 19, 1907.

Twenty-sixth Street (Leper) Hospital.

Dr. J. T. Watkins, Health Officer—Dear Sir: I respectfully submit a list of the needs of isolation hospital No. 2:

The inside of the building requires cleaning. Nineteen rooms with doors and casings ought to be painted. Sixteen rooms and the halls need white-washing. The kitchen range requires a new water back and new top plates. There are some leaks in the plumbing. The roof (which is covered with a layer of tar) ought to have a general overhauling before the rains set in. The fence requires some repairs. The main sewer is in bad condition and needs immediate attention. There is needed one "dog window," and a refrigerator 3 by 5.

Yours respectfully,
JAMES SHIELDS,
Steward.

Dr. J. T. Watkins, Health Officer—Dear Sir: The smallpox hospital, so-called, is not a hospital but a haphazard collection of shacks. The plumbing is antiquated and empties into a sewer the outlet of which has been broken by the work done on the Ocean Shore railroad in this vicinity. The Board of Public Works has neglected to repair it in spite of several complaints made by Dr. Hassler.

Bathing facilities are insufficient; and as bathing is the basis of the modern treatment of smallpox, the seriousness of this deficiency is evident.

There is urgent need of a building or pavilion, somewhat removed from the hospital buildings, in which suspects may safely be detained for observation.

Kitchen facilities are crude and inadequate. Finally the ambulance is falling to pieces. It is really dangerous to life.

Respectfully,
R. L. PORTER,
Smallpox Physician.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE (OF THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS) ON PROSECUTION OF ILLEGAL PRACTITIONERS.

Your committee on May 20th, 1907, secured the services of an attorney, Mr. Grant R. Bennett, who agreed to do the work of the board for a specified

sum per week. We also secured the services of a detective who agreed to do the detective work, and pay the expenses, such as fees to doctors for medicine, and services of the case he was investigating, provided this amount did not exceed five or six dollars per week. It was very soon found that the arrangement with the detective was not very satisfactory. A conference was had with Capt. Fredericks, the prosecuting attorney for Los Angeles county, who seemed heartily in sympathy with the action of the Board in freeing Los Angeles county, and the state, of illegal practitioners, and has been of the greatest assistance in our work. We have prosecuted nine cases, of which we have lost one, and have dismissed one complaint. There has been collected in fines \$300.00, and there is pending an appeal on good and sufficient bond, \$450.00 in fines.

One of the cases which is pending on appeal is the case of Dr. Chan (or Chung Hong), which occupied three weeks. Sixteen days of this time our attorney was actually in court. This case was notable from the fact of the length of time it occupied, and the number of jurors summoned. Seven hundred and fifty men were actually summoned and seven hundred and thirty-one were examined before a jury of twelve men could be procured, and would swear under oath that they would give equal credence to the testimony of a Chinaman testifying in his own behalf to that of a white man testifying under similar circumstances.

Total number of arrests—Raymond, Chong Hong (or Dr. Chan), Stahl, Greenall, S. W. Allman, McGilvra, Kupier, Moody, G. W. White, Dowling, Comez, J. Hinkle, Hollingsworth, M. M. Stephens, H. J. Schieke, Tom She Bin, Mrs. Woods.

Pending—L. Lulu, T. Lenny.

Convictions—Raymond, \$100.00 fine; Chong Hong, \$250.00 fine; Grenall, \$100.00 fine; McGilvra, \$100.00 fine; H. J. Schieke, \$100.00 fine; Tom She Bin, \$100.00 fine; total, \$750.00.

Sentence suspended—M. M. Stephens.

We have investigated, but not arrested, 49, as follows: Benzoiner Cure, Dr. Chamberlain, Electric Treatment, Mrs. Bridges' Cancer Cure, Dr. Vina Price, Miss Lender, S. J. Tedford, Verna Price, Mrs. C. H. Stevens, Kate Holmes, Bagley, B. P. Enlick, C. D. Pitzer, I. N. Frasse Consumption Cure, Prof. C. H. Leasher, Drs. Davis & Wilson, Dr. A. Von Rickert, I-X-L Truss Co., J. C. Aldrich, Miss Layiou, Mrs. Fisk, Letitia Richards, Lichty, Pendergrast, J. A. C. Heitt, F. G. Carpenter, H. C. Hall, Miss Lamb, Normand, F. W. Hazel, A. J. Irwin, J. W. White, B. Bowerman, A. D. Allen, W. McClellan, J. B. Bolton, W. R. Clumess, J. H. Myers, Julia McRae, W. A. Rosemond, J. A. Foster, Pacific Medical Company, W. J. Dobin, A. J. Allen, E. H. Grove, C. F. Willis, Dr. Bureysette, C. D. Costigan, J. T. Volki-man.

Our committee feel that thanks are due to the District Attorney, Capt. Fredericks, for the manner in which he has made his office conduct these cases; the patience he has had in getting in the details of them himself, and the actual time he has spent in the court room when our cases have been tried, which was, to say the least, an encouragement to the attorney who has been conducting our prosecutions. It is the recommendation of this committee that the County Medical Societies throughout the state be encouraged to start this work. It will be necessary for them to advance some funds, and possibly donate some funds to help this work, but with the Medical Law that we now have, it would be a disgrace to the state of California if quackery should be permitted to run riot as it has been doing in the past.

Respectfully submitted,
F. C. E. MATTISON, Chairman.